

WI-408
Rockawalkin Station
Hebron vicinity
Private

c. 1891

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Rockawalkin Station

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-408

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Industrial/Urban Dominance
 1870-1930

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Railroad Station

4. Resource Type(s):

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rockawalkin Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rockawalkin Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Hebron ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles S. Hayman

street & number 7615 Rockawalkin Road telephone no.: 410-546-5636

city, town Hebron state and zip code MD 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☒ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rockawalkin Station is a single-story frame depot that stands on the east side of Rockawalkin Road southeast of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The depot has been repositioned to face the road instead of the nearby railroad. It is oriented to face northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1891, the single-story squarish frame depot is supported on concrete piers that were placed under the building when it was moved back from the edge of the railroad right-of-way. The exterior of the station is covered with board-and-batten siding and the medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles over a layer of wood shingles.

The northwest (main) elevation is a gable-front facade with a cantilevered roof extending forward of a small platform and sliding door. The overhanging roof is underpinned by bracket supports, and underside of the roof is open. Most of the board-and-batten siding is original to the late nineteenth-century structure and the molded battens are largely intact. The sliding door is made of vertical tongue-and-groove boards.

The northeast side elevation is sheltered by a extension of the roof that is also underpinned by bracket supports, and the board-and-batten siding survives largely intact.

The rear wall is covered with board-and-batten siding as well. Located in the left corner is a boarded over door opening. The roof is not cantilevered outward like the northeast or northwest sides.

The southwest wall is a plain board-and-batten wall surface.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1891

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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² *Salisbury Advertiser*, September 20, 1890. Wicomico County Free Library.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Diagram A shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has two tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D 

E | | | | |

F

G 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|-------|------|--------|------|

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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Will Creek

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Rockawalkin Station

Hebron, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

(BM 43)

Quantico

Creek

Ro

Creek

Creek

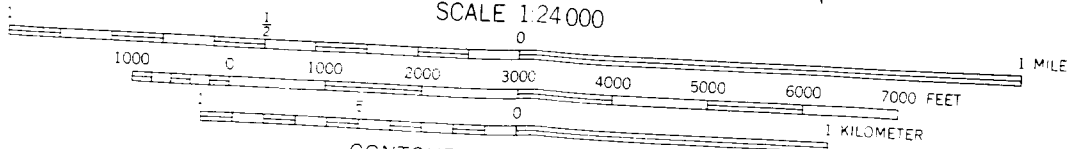
Rockawalkin

42°30"

(EDEN)
5860 / SW

SCALE 1:24 000

40' 42' 430 00



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



101. 4. 3

102. 4. 3

103. 4. 3

104. 4. 3

105. 4. 3

106. 4. 3

107. 4. 3





